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SUBJECT: Laetitia Agricultural Cluster Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report
SUB2003-00001 (0825)

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for the Laetitia Agricultural Cluster project. The Agricultural Cluster subdivision tool is designed to protect resources for long-term sustainable agriculture while allowing for residential development that does not conflict with agriculture production.

Alternatives Analysis

The Agriculture Department agrees that the Applicant's Mitigated Project Alternative would result in significant adverse impacts to agricultural resources. However, the analysis of such impacts should identify all acreage that would be converted or no longer available for agricultural production rather than just quantifying vineyard acreage to be removed. Impacted areas include all residential components of the project (i.e., residential lots, roads, water and wastewater facilities, buffers areas from residential lots, areas no in between lots that could practically be used for agricultural production etc). The analysis should identify that this total area proposed for residential development would far exceed the five percent development area that is allowed by the ordinance.

If we can be of further assistance, please call 781-5914.